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1. (Amended) A refrigerator compartment comprising substantially parallel side walls and a rear wall therebetween, a plurality of substantially vertically spaced shelf-supporting ledges along each of said side walls, said shelf-supporting ledges being disposed in substantially horizontally aligned pairs, at least one slidable shelf defined by a piece of glass and front and rear border members each made of polymeric/copolymeric molded synthetic material, said glass piece having opposite side edges and opposite front and rear edges, said front and rear border members having a respective glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel, said channels open in opposing relationship to each other, said glass piece front and rear edges being secured in the respective glass piece front edge-receiving and rear edge-receiving channels, said at least one slidable shelf being disposed with said front and rear border members in sliding relationship to one of said horizontally aligned pair of shelf-supporting ledges with said piece of glass being thereby spaced above said horizontally aligned pair of shelf-supporting ledges, and at least a portion of each glass piece side edge disposed between said front and rear border members being substantially completely exposed whereby conductivity within the refrigerator compartment is enhanced.

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17. (Amended) A slidable shelf particularly adapted for use in a refrigerator compartment comprising a piece of glass and front and rear border members each made of polymeric/ copolymeric molded synthetic material, each front and rear border member having a lower surface; said glass piece having upper and lower surfaces, opposite side edges and opposite front and rear edges; said front and rear border members having a respective glass piece front edge-receiving channel and a glass piece rear edge-receiving channel, said channels open in opposing relationship to each other, said glass piece front and rear edges being secured in the respective glass piece front edge-receiving and rear edge-receiving channels, and at least a portion of each glass piece side edge disposed between said front and rear border members being substantially completely exposed with said glass piece lower surface being spaced above a plane through said front and rear border member lower surfaces whereby conductivity within an associated refrigerator compartment is enhanced.

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37. (Amended) A refrigerator compartment comprising substantially parallel side walls and a rear wall therebetween, a plurality of substantially vertically spaced shelf-supporting ledges along each of said side walls, said shelf-supporting ledges being disposed in substantially horizontally aligned pairs, at least one slidable shelf defined by a piece of glass and a front border member made of polymeric/copolymeric molded synthetic material, said glass piece having opposite side edges and opposite front and rear edges, said front border member having a glass piece front edge-receiving channel, said channel opens in a direction toward said glass piece rear edge, said glass piece front edge being secured in the glass piece front edge-receiving channel, and the entirety of said glass piece side edges extending from said front border member through said rear edge and being substantially completely exposed along the entire length thereof whereby conductivity within the refrigerator compartment is enhanced.

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47. (New) The refrigerator as defined in claim 1 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

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48. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 1 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

49. (New) The refrigerator as defined in claim 2 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

50. (New) The refrigerator as defined in claim 3 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

51. (New) The refrigerator as defined in claim 4 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

52. (New) The refrigerator as defined in claim 5 wherein opposite side portions of said front and rear border members located along said glass piece side edges are supported by said shelf-supporting ledges.

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53. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 2 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

54. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 3 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

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55. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 4 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

56. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 5 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

57. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 47 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.

58. (New) The refrigerator compartment as defined in claim 49 wherein said front and rear border members are each *in situ* injection molded in bonded relationship to said piece of glass.